

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Am I to understand that these books were not available in the offices of the Assistant Inspectors of Schools since the stock was not available in Travancore?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Exactly, that was the position. The Company was asked to supply the required number of copies not later than the 25th April. But the books arrived only in July.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to make suitable arrangements in order that such difficulties may not recur hereafter?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That has already been answered. The Readers are proposed to be printed locally and made available sufficiently early before the re-opening of the schools next year.

Recommendations of the Curricula Revision Committee.

147. **MR. C. P. THOMAS** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state why orders have not yet been passed on the recommendations of the Committee for the revision of the curricula of studies in Vernacular Schools, though it is about three years since the recommendations were made?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Government are of opinion that the consideration of the curricula for the Vernacular Middle and High School courses may be postponed till orders are passed on the Report of the University Committee, in view of such important questions as the amalgamation of the English and Vernacular Middle School courses, the introduction of vocational training etc., awaiting solution in that connection. The Director of Public Instruction has been asked whether the proposed course of studies for the Primary Schools may be introduced from the beginning of the next school year, retaining the existing curricula of studies for the Middle School and High School courses. Orders will issue on receipt of his reply.

Mahomedan Vernacular Schools and their Strength.

148. **MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of Vernacular Schools for Mahomedans in the State, and the total strength in all these schools on the last day of the school year 1924-25?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

	No.	Strength.
Mahomedan Boys' Schools	63	6,641
Mahomedan Girls' Schools	8	679
Total	71	7,320

Statistics of Tamil Schools and Tamil Students.

149. **MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing, by taluks,

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the number respectively of (1) departmental Tamil Middle Schools, (2) departmental Tamil High Schools, (3) grant-in-aid Tamil Middle Schools, (4) grant-in-aid Tamil High Schools, (5) recognised Tamil Middle Schools, (6) recognised Tamil High Schools, (7) departmental Combined Vernacular Middle Schools, and (8) departmental Combined Vernacular High Schools, showing also the total strength of the Tamil students in 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 in each taluk on the last day of the school year 1924-25?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A statement * furnishing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

Chief Examiners for Vernacular Examinations.

150. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (1) How many Chief Examiners were taken for the Vernacular Examinations last year (1924-25) from the Vernacular Branch? If none, why is it so?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state why Mr. Sankarasubba Aiyar B. A., L. T., who does not know Malayalam, was appointed as a Chief Examiner for the Trained Teachers' Certificate Examination for vernacular school teachers in the school year 1924-25?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) One examiner was taken from the Vernacular Branch of the department for the Vernacular Examinations in 1924 and in 1925?

(2) Mr. Sankarasubba Aiyar B. A., L. T., knows Malayalam as well as Tamil and his knowledge of the former language is quite sufficient to enable him to teach in Malayalam and to examine non-language papers in Malayalam.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): With reference to answer to part (1), are there not sufficient number of teachers qualified for the Vernacular Chief Examinership in the Vernacular Department?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There may be.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): If so, may I know why some of these teachers were not selected as Chief Examiners?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): This gentleman was also qualified for the place; I mean to say, he was eligible, and so he was chosen.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): With reference to answer to part (2), may I know whether Mr. Sankarasubba Aiyar's second language, for his examinations, was Malayalam?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): It is stated in the answer that he knows Malayalam, Tamil and also English. If, for his examinations, his second language was not Malayalam, may I know how he would be able to teach in Malayalam and value papers answered in Malayalam?

*Vide appendix IV—page 882.

Vide Answer to Question No. 149.

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Departmental Tamil Middle Schools.	Departmental Tamil High Schools.	Grant-in-aid Tamil Middle Schools.	Grant-in-aid Tamil High Schools.	Recognised Tamil Middle Schools (unaided).	Recognised Tamil High Schools (unaided).	Departmental Combined Vernacular Middle Schools.	Departmental Combined Vernacular High School
Taluk.	Taluk.	Taluk.	Taluk.	Taluk.	Taluk.	Taluk.	Taluk.
Total No. of Schools.	Total No. of Schools.	Total No. of Schools.	Total No. of Schools.	Total No. of Schools.	Total No. of Schools.	Total No. of Schools.	Total No. of Schools.
Total Strength.	Total Strength.	Total Strength.	Total Strength.	Total Strength.	Total Strength.	Total Strength.	Total Strength.
Tova	Tova	Tova	Tova	Agastisvaram	Agastisvaram	Agastisvaram	Agastisvaram
Agastisvaram	Agastisvaram	Agastisvaram	Agastisvaram	Kalkulam	Kalkulam	Kalkulam	Kalkulam
Vilavankad	Vilavankad	Vilavankad	Vilavankad	Neyyattinkara	Neyyattinkara	Neyyattinkara	Neyyattinkara
Trivandrum	Trivandrum	Trivandrum	Trivandrum				